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### **UM EVENTS MARK MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.'S LEGACY**

#### **MISSOULA --**

The University of Montana and Missoula communities will celebrate the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. and usher in Black History Month with a series of public events over the next two weeks.

A commemorative march and civil rights rally and program will mark Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, Jan. 19. The march will begin at 5 p.m. at the Missoula County Courthouse and proceed to First United Methodist Church, 300 E. Main St., for the rally and program, which will begin at 5:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Jeannette Rankin Peace Resource Center, Missoula Advocates for Social Justice, UM's African American Studies Program and the campus Martin Luther King Jr. Day Planning Committee.

Other events planned in observance of King's legacy and February's Black History Month are:

- A film, "Mrs. Evers' Boys," which examines the U.S. government's medical program to treat syphilis in the South's only hospital for blacks in 1932. The film will show at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27 at Urey Lecture Hall. Admission is free.
- A performance by the Mount Olive Christian Fellowship Black Gospel Choir from Great Falls, at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, at University Congregational Church, 405 University Ave. Admission is free.

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- A speech, "The King We Left Behind," by Charles R. Johnson, Pollock Professor of Humanities at the University of Washington, at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, in the University Theatre. The free, public talk is presented as the fifth installment of UM's President's Lecture Series.
- A benefit concert featuring African drums and dance, at 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, at the Top Hat, 134 W. Front St. The concert also will spotlight reggae and poetry. Proceeds benefit the Jeannette Rankin Peace Resource Center. A \$2 donation will be accepted at the door.
- A play, "Faces of America," addressing multiculturalism in society through the eyes of Generation X. An open discussion will follow the 7 p.m. performance on Monday, Feb. 2, at the University Center Ballroom. Tickets are \$2 for UM students and \$3 for the general public.

For more information, call Ray Carlisle, director of UM's Educational Opportunity Program and chair of the Martin Luther King Day Jr. Planning Committee, at 243-4202.

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